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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FAA TRAINING

REFS: A) ALGIERS 0528(NOTAL), B) STATE 59577(NOTAL)

BRUSSELS AND FRANKFURT FOR FAA

1. EMBASSY HAS PASSED INFORMATION REF B, WITH CIRCULARS, TO RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENEMA, ZOUBIR BERERHI, DG WAS DISAPPOINTED, ESPECIALLY THAT FFI COURSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

2. HE WAS ABLE CLARIFY WHAT WAS MEANT BY "FLIGHT CONTROLLERS" (SEE PARA 1.B REF B). CONFUSION AROSE OVER FRENCH WORD "CONTR-OLEUR", WHICH IN FACT MORE ACCURATELY SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED AS "INSPECTOR". WHAT IS DESIRED BY ENEMA IS TRAINING FOR ON-BOARD AVIONICS EQUIPMENT INSPECTORS. AS DG EXPLAINED IT, FFI COVERS GROUND EQUIPMENT; WHAT HE ALSO WANTS IS TRAINING FOR PEOPLE TO INSPECT AND CALIBRATE CORRESPONDING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD AIRCRAFT.

3. DG SAID THAT, APART FROM FEW ALGERIANS WHO HAVE ATTENDED FAA FFI COURSES, MOST OF THEIR TRAINING HAS BEEN DONE IN FRANCE, BELGIUM AND ENGLAND. THEY ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS BECAUSE, HE SAYS, THEY ARE TOO THEORETICAL WITH TOO UNCLASSIFIED

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LITTLE PRACTICAL TRAINING. HE IMPRESSED WITH FAA FACILITIES AND STANDARDS (HE VISITED OKLAHOMA CITY IN 1973 OR 1974) AND WOULD LIKE TO SWITCH SOME OF HIS TRAINING PROGRAMS TO US.

4. BERERHI CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY ASKING IF FAA MIGHT SUGGEST A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ENEMA IN FLIGHT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION. REF A PARA 4 GIVES AN IDEA WHAT THEY

HAVE IN MIND, BUT BERERHI SAYS HE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS FAA MIGHT OFFER. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT HE BE ON DISTRIBUTION FOR FAA NOTICES, BULLETINS OR CIRCULARS ADVISING OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AVAILABLE TRAINING PROGRAMS, ETC. (WE WOULD PREFER THAT ANY NOTICES ETC. SENT IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST BE SENT VIA EMBASSY.)

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: FOR OBVIOUS POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL REASONS, WE HOPE FAA CAN BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO BERERHI'S REQUEST FOR HELP. PERHAPS FOR BEGINNERS FAA COULD OFFER TO SEND SOMEONE TO ALGIERS FOR A FEW DAYS TO ADVISE ENEMA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR TRAINING PROGRAM. ALTERNATIVELY, AND MORE CHEAPLY, FAA COULD INVITE BERERHI AND/OR HIS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR TO VISIT FRANKFURT OR BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TRAINING PROGRAMS.
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